



**PARKS &  
PARKWAY  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**Dan Keys  
Chairman**

**Barbara Kuhl  
Robert Moreno  
Robert Silverman  
Randy Wagoner**

**Alternate  
Lynn Fischer**

**MINUTES  
PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD  
Ed Burke Recreation Center 11400 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Court  
Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Barbara Kuhl, Robert Silverman, Randy Wagoner, Dan Keys and Lynn Fischer were present; Robert Moreno was absent. Krishan Manners represented Staff.
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS – Swale Ordinance and Million Orchid Project (old business) Development of Griffing Park (new business)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERMITTED FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM) -  
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Board unanimously approved the minutes of 10.1.2014.
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. VILLAGE STAFF REPORT
    1. **General median maintenance** – Krishan advised that the Village had purchased a new “Scag” mower for the medians and that the medians are being mowed every 2 weeks.
    2. **Tree removal and tree trimming issues** - The Village has begun removing dead trees from the medians. Mr. Manners advised that he needed the addresses to the trees that were in conflict with trees that had been planted next to them. The Board had produced a report regarding this matter and Krishan was advised that the report should be in Village Hall. The Board also suggested that low limbs causing problems for vehicles passing through the roadways of the Village should be addressed. Krishan advised the Board that he had offered Mr. Keys the opportunity to meet with the contractor and Mr. Keys advised that he would attend the meeting to be held in the near future.
    3. **Athletic field turf maintenance** – No news.
    4. **Athletic field irrigation system maintenance** - The irrigation pump needs to be replaced. Bids were being sought. There was no report on the status of the irrigation head replacement project.



5. **Highway Beautification Grant Proposal made for median of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave** – work is in the planning stages.

6. **Sixth Ave. Bridge Grant** – All of the plants had been purchased for the project and they would be picked up within days. Dan mentioned that one of the Sabal palms on the East side of the bridge was likely dead. Krishan advised that the sabal that needed to be moved from the West side of the bridge had been moved. Krishan would look into the warranty that might exist for the dead palm.

7. **Continued discussion of landscape planning for 121 Street @ NE 10 Ave, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. median and all entrances along 121 Street and at NE 107 Street at the railroad tracks** –

8. **Discussion of path forward for design and construction of secondary entrance signage related to grant funding** – There was no news regarding the grant for entrance signage. Mr. Keys reported that in anticipation of this project moving forward with or without the Board recommended Landscape Architect's involvement, he developed an idea for the signage for consideration and discussion. He presented a few sketches of the idea (attached).

B. **Million Orchid Project of Fairchild Garden** – Barbara Kuhl advised that she had listened to the video on line regarding the project and she said that she didn't think it was for us because it appeared from the video that participants needed to grow the orchids to a suitable size and the Village did not have the means to do this. It was decided that further investigation was needed. Lynn Fischer advised that she would check further. Bob Silverman would seek out the possibility of orchid donations.

C. **New proposed swale ordinance – At the last Commission meeting**, the Code Review Board had presented their version of the swale ordinance to the Commission for consideration. The Board members who had read the ordinance advised that the Commission was concerned about the section regarding requiring the Village to trim trees on the swales. The Board members also had their own set of concerns and consensus was that the Commission should not go immediately to first reading of the Ordinance without gathering additional input from at least the Parks and Parkways Board. Mr. Keys would distribute the Ordinance for review by the Board. It was further suggested that the Board members test the new language against existing conditions in the field and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS



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A. **USE OF FIU LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS FOR VILLAGE PROJECTS** - Barbara Kuhl advised that she thought that development of a plan for Griffing Park might be a better project for the students than the previously suggested signage project which the Board had advised against.

B. **CASSIA BAKERIANA TREE DONATION** - Mr. Keys advised that he had purchased a number of seedlings of Cassia bakeriana, a very high quality pink flowering tree, and he was willing to donate them to the Village for use in parks and on the medians as recommended by the Board. He would review the Village for possible locations and advise the Board at the next meeting so that they might consider a recommendation to the Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Keys, Chair